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To the friends of Clarence S. Hean:

This June, Clarence Hean reaches the retirement age for the University. He will then have completed 44 years of highly efficient service, as Agricultural College Librarian, to the students and to the faculty of this institution.

As has always been his modest habit he has requested that no formal, or public, recognition be given to him on the occasion of his retirement. His friends are bound to respect his wishes in this connection, but we don't feel that it binds us to let his retirement pass unacknowledged.

His many years of unselfish, but greatly appreciated, personal aid to those who have consulted with him merit some indication of our gratitude.

The suggestion has been made to our committee that an invitation be given to those who have known him to send him a personal letter of greeting. These letters should not be sent directly to him, but instead should be mailed unfolded to Professor A. J. Riker, 213 Horticultural Building, Campus. All of the letters should be on 8½ x 11 paper so that they may be bound into a book for presentation to Clarence Hean. We especially invite such letters from persons who took their graduate work at Wisconsin and who had the assistance of Professor Hean in using the facilities of the Agricultural Library while they were here.

A further suggestion has been made that we provide a means whereby the friends of Clarence Hean might each contribute a small amount (not to exceed \$5 per person) which could be combined in a fund to be given him with the broad hint that he use it to buy a ticket (round trip!) to some location that appeals to him. We have reason to believe that such a trip would have much appeal to our friend. Checks sent as contributions to this fund should be made payable to A. J. Haas, Treasurer.

Because Clarence Hean does not know of the plans outlined above, we urge that you give no publicity to the proposed arrangements.

Sincerely yours,



A. J. Riker, Chairman
College of Agriculture
Library Committee